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HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AWARD FOR WRITINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme to give awards for the writings on Human Rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the languages for which the award has been planned; and

(d) the number of writers to whom this award has been given so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has instituted an award namely `Award Scheme for creative writings on Human Rights in Hindi` in the year 1998. The main objective of the scheme is to encourage original writings in Hindi on various subjects of Human Rights and help creating greater awareness of human rights within the country. The award is also given for works of translation into Hindi of books written in other Indian Languages or English. Any writer who is a citizen of India is eligible for the award. The awards are given for the original works or translation into Hindi language only. Seventeen writers have been awarded under the scheme so far.